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Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request 28

Date of Meeting: 1/28/2003

Date Submitted: 1/23/2003

TO: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
FROM: Parwez Alam, County Administrator
Tony Park, P.E., Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Approval of the Gum Road Sewer Extension

Statement of Issue:

This item seeks Board approval for extending a sewer line along Gum Road from Aenon Church Road connecting to the Transfer Station sewer extension.

Background:

At its regular meeting on May 28, 2002, the Board of County Commissioners ratified the actions taken by the Board at the April 30, 2002 Gum Road Target Area Planning Committee Workshop (Attachment #1). The Board unanimously accepted the Committee's recommendations regarding four areas that would benefit residents and property owners in the area to be impacted by the Solid Waste Transfer Station:

- Land Use/Concurrency/Zoning
- Water and Sewer
- Transportation
- Stormwater

The Committee had two recommendations specific to sewer and water:

1. Construct the sewer extension along Gum Road to Aenon Church Road.
2. Investigate grants or other funding sources to pay water and sewer tap fees for single family residences.

The City had previously included a proposed sewer extension to serve the Gum Road area in its Capital Improvement Projects. However, in 1999 the City removed the Gum Road sewer extension from the list of proposed projects, based, in part, on an increase in the FEMA flood elevations for the area. The increased flood elevation reduced the buildable area, and therefore would impact the revenue potential of a sewer extension. Based on the TAPC's recommendation to review the FEMA flood plain map, as well as traffic concurrency, the review demonstrated a need for the sewer extension.

Analysis:

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The City of Tallahassee has completed the design for the Gum Road sewer extension. Design fees were \$25,000, paid by the County.

The project consists of approximately 2800 feet of 8-inch gravity line, a pump station on the southwest corner of the Transfer Station property and 500 feet of force main connecting to the on-site sewer constructed for the Transfer Station (Attachment #2). The cost estimate for the project is \$600,000 and staff has prepared the appropriate resolution and associated budget amendment (Attachment #3). County staff is negotiating with the City to amend the existing agreement for the Transfer Station sewer extension including the provision that the cost for the sanitary sewer extension will be refunded to the County from the City from systems charges collected annually. The initial cost would be funded from the County's landfill fund for rate stabilization and capital improvements.

Finally, the Division of Housing is exploring financial assistance options for homeowners who may want to connect to the sewer at such time as the service is available.

Options:

1. Approve the Gum Road Sewer Extension project and the accompanying resolution and associated budget amendment in the amount of \$600,000.
2. Do not approve the Gum Road Sewer Extension project.
3. Board Direction

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachments:

1. May 28, 2002 Agenda Request
2. Map of the Proposed Gum Road Sewer Extension
3. Budget Amendment and Resolution